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June 9, 2022

Mr. Marc Cecotti
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SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST DON-NAVY-2022-004596

This letter is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all records pertaining to the sighting and operation of unidentified drones (or UAS/UAV) in the SOCAL OPAREA in 2019, including but not limited to emails with attachments, reports, presentations and briefings.

Based on the information in your request, we determined your fee category to be "representative of news media" and as such, we presume that the public interest outweighs your commercial interest. Therefore, we will not charge any fees for the processing of this request. Your request has been processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552), Part 701 of Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and the Department of the Navy Freedom of Information Act Program (SECNAVINST 5720.42G).

Our review of the responsive record reveals that it contains internal agency practices and personal identifiers (such as names and telephone numbers) of third parties, the release of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Pursuant to the provisions of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(2) and (b)(6), your request must be partially denied in order to withhold this information.

If you have questions regarding the processing of your request, you may contact LN1 Faith GuidryJackson who may be reached at (619) 767-4741 or faith.e.guidry@navy.mil. Additionally, with any adverse determination, you have the right to seek dispute resolution from the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison at (703) 697-0031 or DONFOIAPublicLiaison@navy.mil.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you may administratively appeal by writing to:

Department of the Navy
Office of the Judge Advocate General (CODE 14)
1322 Patterson Ave, SE, Suite 3000
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

Your appeal must be postmarked within **90 calendar days** from the date of the letter to be considered. A statement as to why your appeal should be granted should be included and a copy of this letter should be attached. Both your appeal letter and the envelope should be clearly labeled with "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" or "Appeal of Records" or the equivalent.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448 or fax at (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. L. Pyle", written in a cursive style.

J. L. PYLE

Commander, JAGC, U.S. Navy
Fleet Judge Advocate
By direction of the Commander